



JOINT CONNECTICUT WING/NER Conference Individual Course Session Descriptions

October 18, 2014

AE – General Aviation Overseas - 1 Hour

Aerospace Education is for everyone! This Aerospace Education session will cover what it is like to be a general aviation pilot flying in Peru, Chile, Australia and Israel.

Target Audience:

All CAP members are invited to get involved. Cadets and seniors are welcome!

Instructor(s): Lt. Col. Steve Rocketto, CTWG Aerospace Education Officer.

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Aerospace for AEOs: Simple Demonstrations to Supplement the CAP Aerospace Education Curriculum– 1 Hour

This presentation will consist of a series of simple experiments which will provide concrete examples of the material covered in the Cadet aerospace education program, examples may include gyroscopic stability, the scale of the planets and solar system, air pressure, features of the internal combustion engine and relative motion.

Target Audience:

Aerospace Education Officers and cadets.

Instructor(s): Lt. Col. Steve Rocketto, CTWG Aerospace Education Officer.

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Aeromedicine: Recertification for a Pilot That Has Medical Issues – 45 Minutes

This session will provide discussion on several medical conditions and the FAA's requirements to maintain a medical certificate. Questions will be encouraged; attendees will have an opportunity to write their questions and submit them to the instructor anonymously and have them answered.

Target Audience:

CAP Pilots, current and former.

Instructor(s): Dr. Robert Dodenhoff, M.D., Maj, CAP, Health Services Officer

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Cadet Programs Topic: Implementing the New Cadet Protection Policy- 1 Hour

The new CAP Cadet Protection Policy has caused many concerns and misconceptions, this session seeks to educate the audience on the proper way to implement it and ensure that the requirements are met at the wing, squadron and encampment levels.

Target Audience:

Cadet Programs Officers and every CAP senior who works with cadets.

Instructor(s): Lt Col James Ridley, CTWG Chief of Staff and Encampment Commander

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Cadet Programs Topic: Overview of a Leadership Encampment – 1 Hour

Cadet Encampments can be one of the best or worst experiences in a cadets CAP career, the structure, staffing and execution of an encampment can have either a positive or negative impact on both cadets and senior members and impact recruiting and retention. This course will highlight what a well-run encampment is and is not, its structure, goals, and objectives and will allow CAP members in attendance the opportunity to ask questions, pose ideas and in general add to the list of encampment best practices.

Target Audience:

Anyone interested in learning about CAP cadet encampments and/or cadet programs officers.

Instructor: Lt. Col. James Ridley, Sr., CTWG Chief of Staff/Encampment Commander

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Chaplaincy: Pastoral Care: The Art of Being There – 50 Minutes



Pastoral caregivers help people deal with who they are in the moment through the use of increased listening skills and empathic response. The Chinese call it ‘wu wei’ ...’action less action.’ As we become less defensive, stress is reduced and goals are accomplished. By providing strength we allow ourselves to become a vehicle for greater strength, a solid core of faith in a chaos of challenged beliefs.

Target Audience:

Chaplains interested in becoming mission chaplains, SAR Personnel, CISM Officers

Instructor(s): Chaplain, Lt. Col. Edwin R. Kopp; NER

Deputy Chaplain

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Communications Rapid Deployment Kit HF-ALE Familiarization– 50 Minutes

This session will familiarize CAP members with the Rapid Deployment Package, HF-ALE for remote location Mission Communications, requirements, deployment and usage.

Target Audience:

Communication Officers, ES Officers, CULs/MROs, GTLs/GTM.

Instructor(s): Maj. Dan Brooks, CTWG Communications Training Officer.

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CTWG Communications Officers Meeting – 1 Hour

IAW CAPR100-1 s5.5, this will be the second Communications Officer onsite meeting held for CTWG Communications officers throughout the wing held in 2014, it will include an agenda created by the wing director of communications and include time for general discussion (open forum).

Target Audience: All CTWG Communications Officers at the wing, group and squadron levels.

Instructor(s): 1st Lt. Jeff Jenkins, CTWG Director of Communications

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CTWG ES: Becker System & Other Mission Equipment Refresher Course - 1 Hour

This course will refresh the audience in the usage and benefits of various emergency service equipment used by Civil Air Patrol volunteers every day, not just in our aircraft but on the ground as well. Items discussed will be the Becker system (and “cheese brick”), communications equipment and other essential ‘tools of the trade’.

Target Audience:

Emergency Services Officers and members interested in the ES.

Instructor(s): Lt. Col. Michael Heath, CTWG Emergency Services Officer

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Flight Operations – 1 Hour

Description pending.

Target Audience:

All CAP Pilots.

Moderator: TBA

Contact: TBA

General Interest for Core Values – 1 Hour

The CAP Core Values is something that our cadets and seniors are taught to live and breathe, but what are they really and how do they apply to CAP members? This session explores that concept and how it is applied at CAP meetings, activities and encampments.

Target Audience:

CAP chaplains, CDIs, Cadet Programs Officer – anyone who wishes to learn more about the Core Values and their importance in the program.

Instructor(s): Lt. Col. Adma Ross, CTWG Chaplain.

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Government Relations: Organizing the Government Affairs Function – A Disciplined Approach to Government Relations– 1 Hour



This session will (a) clarify the scope and structure of a government relations program; (b) identify ways to orchestrate activities and (c) build talent and accountability in wing wide government relations programs.

Target Audience:

Anyone interest in government relations and working with local governments.

Instructor(s): Lt. Col. Darren Cioffi, CTWG Vice Commander.

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Inspector General Forum – 1 Hour each; 3 Hours total



The Inspector General Program –There will be (3) separate sessions for CAP Members interested in the IG world, the first will be the introduction to inspections and complaints for all CAP members. The second will be an introduction to the new compliance regulations and preparation for conducting Subordinate Unit Inspections that will include helpful tips to inspection teams and squadrons, groups undergoing inspection. The third and final session will be an IG forum for Q&A discussion on IG topics.

Target Audience:

Every CAP member interested in the duties and functions of the Region, Wing and Group Inspector General.

Instructor(s): Lt. Col. Don Blumenfeld, NER Inspector General and Lt Col Phil Hirons, RIWG IG

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Professional Development: Learn How to Enter PD Requirements Online in eServices Without Using a Hard Copy CAPF– 1 Hour

Tired of entering professional development credentials on a CAPF the ‘old fashioned way’? Then join us for this session and learn where and how to enter conferences, duty positions and more online through eServices saving time, energy and a stamp!

Target Audience:

Professional Development Officers, Admin and Personnel Officers, Squadron Commanders.

Instructor(s): Capt. Carol Whelan, CTWG Director of Personnel and Administration Development

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Public Affairs Forum: The Basics of Being a PAO and How to Submit Items for Publication in Wing, Region and National Media – 1 Hour

This session will describe the day-to-day activities and best practices of unit public affairs officers as well as the procedures on how to publish articles, press releases and pictures for wing, region and national publication. This will also offer the PAO the ability to network with other PAOs at all levels within CAP.

Target Audience:

All Public Affairs Officers, photographers, squadron commander and those interested in the public affairs/relations arena.

Instructor(s): Maj. Peter Milano, CTWG Public Affairs Officer.

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Safety Seminar: Introduction to Mishap Review – Demystifying the how and why of Mishap Review – 1 Hour

This presentation is for anyone who might have to input a mishap which is anyone who is a member of Civil Air Patrol. Whether you are a Safety Officer, Commander or any member there may come a time when you will be asked to input a Mishap. Many members do not realize the importance of reporting mishaps. They feel there will be a negative impact on their unit if they input mishaps whether that be a squadron, a group or a wing. This presentation will assure members of the need to report mishaps, what is done with the information and give some helpful tips on the best way to make those reports.

This briefing is adapted from the National Safety Officer College 2014

Target Audience:

All CAP Safety Officers and those members interested in the subject of mishap reviews.

Instructor(s): Maj. Stephen Valastro, CTWG Director of Safety.

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